

## Senate Resolution 1321

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Smith of the 52nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Hudgens of the 47th, Starr of the 44th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable Bill Cummings; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable Bill Cummings has served with unparalleled ability as a member of  
3 the House of Representatives since 1981; and

4 WHEREAS, this dynamic and powerful public servant has faithfully represented the citizens  
5 of Bartow, Floyd and Polk counties with great distinction, dedication, and ability; and

6 WHEREAS, his consistently thorough consideration of the issues presented to the General  
7 Assembly and his integrity and reliability have rightfully earned him the honor, respect, and  
8 trust of his colleagues over the years and were properly reflected in his committee  
9 responsibilities which include his current service as a member of the House Committee on  
10 Appropriations, the House Committee on Retirement, and the House Committee on Ways  
11 and Means and his former service, for almost two decades, as chairman of the House  
12 Committee on Retirement; and

13 WHEREAS, in his legislative committee assignments, he consistently demonstrates a solid  
14 commitment to the careful study of sensitive issues and proposed solutions and maintains a  
15 reputation as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions are governed by the rules of  
16 honesty and fair play; and

17 WHEREAS, during his tenure in office, the gentleman from the 16th District has exhibited  
18 the level of political activism and unselfish leadership ideally expected of public trustees in  
19 an effective, representative democracy, and his stewardship in the House of Representatives  
20 has been marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

21 WHEREAS, his creative leadership and his thoughtful sensitivity with respect to complex  
22 social and political matters, and especially his ability to work behind the scenes and build

1 coalitions and consensus, have received the approval and applause of his peers who hold him  
2 in such high regard; and

3 WHEREAS, his foresight and forthright determination have brought unparalleled progress  
4 and a sense of destiny to the citizens of his district and the State of Georgia and it is  
5 abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body, most especially those to whom  
6 he so freely imparted advice, encouragement, and friendship and who regard him with much  
7 admiration and respect, pay appropriate tribute to one of their finest, most distinguished, and  
8 most colorful colleagues for the many years of impartial, well-reasoned, and enlightened  
9 service he has rendered on behalf of this state and its citizens.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
11 unanimously honor and commend their most outstanding colleague, Honorable Bill  
12 Cummings, for his personal and political influence in supporting legislation which has  
13 substantially improved the quality of life for our citizens and contributed to Georgia's  
14 leadership role in the South, commend him for serving as an unmatched example of  
15 enlightened government and statesmanship for the past two and one-half decades, and wish  
16 him every success in all his future endeavors.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Bill Cummings.